



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Wednesday 19 August 2026

Dear members,

There is still time to register for the spring luncheon on Thursday next week, and the total number attending needs to be confirmed by noon tomorrow. We look forward to the gathering of bridge players of any grade and from all clubs.

Overview of upcoming events at Crockfords:

August

Sunday 23rd Lesson: 'Competitive bidding – when we overcall'
Thursday 27th Spring luncheon

September

Sunday 6th Lesson: 'Michaels cue bid and unusual 2NT'
Friday 11th Fun Teams night
Sunday 27th Lesson: 'Weak 2 suiter openers'

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lesson: 'Competitive bidding – when we overcall' on Sunday 23 August at 2pm:

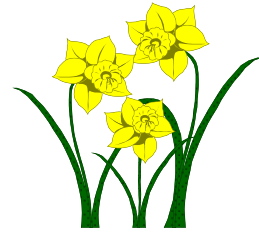
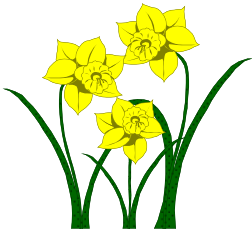
The next lesson on 9 August will be: NZB [Intermediate lesson 7](#) (Competitive bidding – when we overcall). We hope many will take up the opportunity to improve and challenge their playing skills by attending these practical and interactive sessions. Please bring along a partner if possible. Cost is \$5 pp to cover cost of handouts and other overheads.

We have scheduled another two lessons in September. Lessons are all scheduled for Sundays from 2pm – 4pm at the dates listed in the table below and including references to the respective topics.

Topic	NZB reference	Date	Tutor
Competitive bidding – when we overcall	Intermediate lesson 7	23 August	RW
Michaels cue bid and unusual 2NT	Intermediate lesson 8	6 September	PVL
Weak 2 suiter openers	Intermediate lesson 12	27 September	RW

Tutors: Peter Van Leeuwen (PVL), Richard Williams (RW).

Kevin Hickman Spring luncheon Thursday 27 August:



You are all invited to join us for our annual **SPRING LUNCHEON**, catered by Country Feasts Catering, and followed by an open and mixed grade bridge session that concludes with a prize giving.

When: Thursday, 27 August 2026

Times: Bar is open from 11.30am
Lunch will be served at 12.00 noon
Duplicate Bridge starting at 1.00pm

Costs: Lunch: \$30pp
Table fee pp: \$10 cash/card

Registration of lunch attendance:

- Club notice board, phone 348-7478, or email secretary@crockfordsbridgeclub.nz by **Thursday 20 August at noon.**
- Please pay on-line: 03 1705 0426022 00 or cash at the Club Office by **Monday 24 August 2026**, using your name and Spring Lunch as reference.

Please also advise if seating rights are required.

OTHER NEWS

New defibrillator:

A regular service check of the club defibrillator has resulted in a replacement of a new unit this week by Heart Starter NZ. This is of course a costly item, but due to the generous donations received last year the club will cover the expense of the new defibrillator. Thank you.

FROM PAST EVENTS

Teams night 14 August results:

We had eight teams in each section, represented overall with 32 players from the Christchurch BC, 29 From Crockfords, and three from Lincoln BC. Congratulations to the winning teams:

‘Mixed Doubles’ (Red section):
 Phillippa Webb, Bridget O’Brien, Maria Austin,
 Helen Garden



‘Peter’s rabbits’ (Green section):
 Philippa Borlase, Peter Van Leeuwen, Mary and
 Mike Small



Weekly results:

Congratulations to following pairs for receiving top weekly percentage points:

Week starting	Pair	Session	Result
3 August	Pamela Gooch & Christine Cassin	Intermediate	75.04%
10 August	Nigel England & Brian Papps	Thursday afternoon - Open/mixed	69.93%

FROM THE OFFICE

Please note the new defibrillator, located in the same place. Please let me know if you are interested in attending a training session on the new machine – to be held on an agreed Saturday morning. There is also new first aid kit in the kitchen. This kit is detachable from the wall.

The long awaited EFTpos machine is nearly in action and open for business. Fingers crossed for Monday, 24 Aug 2026

On behalf of the committee, happy bridging and kind regards to you al

Kirsten Nissen
President